

Supplement to ARIS On-Line Manual

Agricultural Research Information System - Acronyms & Definitions	
Allocations	CRIS 'base funds' on a 'CRIS net to location' basis, and temporary i.e., one-time releases. Based on program direction by NPS.
ABFO	Area Budget and Fiscal Officer.
Base-Funded Projects	Projects that receive recurring dollar allocations at the beginning of each Fiscal Year, in contrast to temporarily funded projects.
BT Assessment	The Agency is mandated by Congress under the authority of section 1668 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5921) to assess at least 1 % from the outlays of the Department for research on biotechnology for the purpose of making grants under this section for research on biotechnology risk assessment. Thus, any project having BT coding on the 417 will be assessed a charge each fiscal year. (Shown as a negative figure on the ARMP allocation in the temporary column.)
BRCOM	Biosafety Special Classification Code. Used in conjunction with the BT code for those projects requiring identification of the biosafety level. Must have a BT code on the AD-417 before using.
BTER	Biotechnology - Environmental Release Special Classification Code. Use of living organisms, cells, subcellular organelles, and/or parts of those structures, as well as the molecules, to effect chemical or physical changes needed to generate new products for research and commercialization. Specifically, biotechnology is the use of genetically engineered recombinant nucleic acid molecules to effect desired changes in biological materials; and which includes environmental release as a part of the experimental plan. Must have a BT and BRCOM code before using.
Budget File	An automated file containing up-to-date dollar allocation data for each project; maintained by the Budget and Program Management Staff.
Extramural Agreement	A legal document that enables ARS to obtain research or research-related services from organizations or individuals outside ARS (Specific Cooperative Agreement, Contract,

Extramural Research Project	A project conducted by individuals outside ARS using ARS funds and supplementing ARS research effort on a particular problem.
F/T	Fund Transfer, either Temporary or Permanent.
Financial Plan	Contains source data for entry in the Foundation Financial Information System (FFIS) of the National Finance Center (NFC); derived from the Annual Operating Plan (AOP) of the ARMP; updated dynamically.
In-House Research	Conducted with appropriated funds.
Head Tax	An assessment against all agencies to help fund the buyouts as authorized in the legislation on buyout authorities. The purpose of this assessment is to fund future liabilities on the retirement account since these individuals will be drawing on the retirement account for a longer period of time.
IBC	Institutional Biosafety Committee. Charged with assuring that ARS research dealing with pathogenic or genetically engineered organisms use safe laboratory practices.
IPSC	Indirect Program Support Costs. BPMS is responsible for the IPSC codes and whether or not IPSC is taken or waived.
OSQR	Office of Scientific Quality Review. Peer Review Process conducted by the OSQR involves independent and expert scientific peer review of ARS in-house project plans.
Radiological Safety Assessment	An assessment made against all Radiological Safety Permit holders to fund the USDA Radiological Safety Staff.
SBIR (Same as SBG Fee)	Small Business Innovation Research Program. Assessment (2.5%) on extramural agreements (SCA).
Sibling	Term used for subordinate project of the D in-house project (R,T,S,C,G). Examples are: R - Reimbursable T - Trust